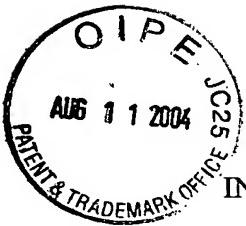


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2829

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING A CARD WITH MULTIPLE CONTACT TIPS FOR  
TESTING MICROSPHERE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, AND TESTING DEVICE  
USING SAID CARD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the July 14, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect  
Group I, claims 1-5, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related  
that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a  
search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that  
the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire  
application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits,  
even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is  
respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid  
unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent  
Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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